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Dear Larry,

After getting your 10/14 today, I wrote Russ again sending carbons to him. It will go out with this in the a.m. when I go into town. None of the names means anything to me. As you realize, I had sent you the old address but our letters crossed.

Their charter seems broad enough to do what I have no knowledge of their doing, and that is more than just monitoring shows. This is all that has been reported to me.

Russ has been kind of turned off for a while. Let me know if you haven't heard from him by the end of this week.

Skolnick knows all about R&TV Reports, knows my source Russ well and, in fact, stole my Bolden material from Russ by softsoaping him into believe the purpose was to help me. He did that so effectivelt Russ phoned me to tell me that S was coming here! R was then in Pitt'h, where he still is.

S is right about Bolden's condition, as far as he goes. What he doesn't tell you is that his initial publicity was enough to get Bolden in hot water again. When you are here again I'll show you a letter from a former prison mate who wrote it on getting his own parole. I don't know if it is over yet or if he is still subject to relatiation. however, if it is true, for the day when Bolden's expires we can have one helluva story! The question is, is Bolden mentally ill? This is what Tom Kelley indicated to me, and he did it in a way that indicated genuine concern and unhappiness over it.

For the time being, I think it best to leave Bolden alone. However, if I can remember the name of the guy, now dead, who spent much time with B for S after B's release - I think it is ~~Arrighdx~~ Albright- maybe you can get his notes or tapes.

If Bolden has changed his phone, he has done it since getting out. Or his address.

When you speak to O'Brien again, ask him about Minneapolis. He might know.

I have a hunch that there is typical Nixon deviousness with the Supreme Court appointees. Not a city desk story, but I know and have known of oneof the other nominees, have written about him and have him in the book I'm working on. I have a pretty fair file on him and can pretty fast get things I don't have. I suspect one of the purposes of the present list is to appeal to the female and Wallace vote. Conservatives are disappointed. It has the Kleindienst mark, or that of his kind of mind. Nixon can now fail on all of these and have the best of three worlds. He is, essentially, a shallow improviser. If somebody wanted to do the kind of thing on him they did on Ike and his bulls, it would make a great yarn. He was just another working guy at OPA, never made a real penny until after he was in Congress, and there is a limit to how much one can make honestly there. Newsday has begun. If one goes back, I call tell you something about the size and probable cost of the mansion he bought when he became veep. It used to belong to a former FDR cabinet member who was a friend of mine. I can't imagine Nixon having the money to buy that so soon after the exposed office crookedness attributed to Congressional poverty.

Thanks for keeping me posted. I'm deep in correcting and repaging, a very tedious business, and it is going slowly. Gregory is to make a speech here day after tomorrow. I've written him offering to meet at airport(and since learned college is), offering him our hospitality, etc., and it will be interesting to see if he responds. I also left message at college and with a NY friend. I havn't gotten Ottinger's letter yet. So, please tell him he has no answer because if he mailed it, again it didn't get here.

Regards,

10/18/71

Dear Russ,

Enclosed are two more carbons from Larry Finley, one for you and one to annotate if you know anything about any of the names. I had given him the old address, but my letter had not reached him by the time he wrote this.

Best regards,

Oct. 14, 1971

Dear Harold,

A few developments on Radio TV Reports. The 540 N. Lake Shore Drive building once housed something called New Media Reporting, which is alleged to have been the CIA group. It also lists an office for R&T Reports in addition to the one in Evanston.

I checked with John O'Brien the former Army spy and he said he knew nothing of the company. He said that they had little dealings with the CIA, except through their offices in the Federal Building in the Loop.

I did talk to Skolnik, asking him if he knew of any such agency in the area which did such work and he mentioned New Media Reporting. I did not mention your name. Skolnik gave me Abraham Bolden's private phone number, if I need it. He did warn me that Bolden is still on Federal parole and could be put back in for misbehavior. I'll probably avoid calling him.

A check of our records in Springfield indicates that Radio TV Reports Inc., was incorporated Dec. 21, 1945 as Radio Reports Inc. The name was changed Feb. 21, 1961. Incorporators were Carroll B. Low, Kenneth B. Low, and Gertrude Belgard, all of 420 Lexington ave., N.Y.

Purpose of the corporation is listed as "reporting...information...in which clients shall or might have any interest of sort...furnishing stenographic, phonographic, telegraphic, teletype or other reporting services...making digests and appraisals of information...furnishing reporting, digesting and editorial services of every kind."

The last annual report listed with the Secretary of State's office list one additional officer, than the other name I gave you--Boris Marcus, 55 W. 42nd St. New York.

The business is listed as "monitoring television and radio programs," and has a capital and surplus listing of $3,091.

I'll make personal checks to both R&TV sites to see if they are still there, share offices, etc.

Regards,

Finley